

City of Concord Recreation and Park Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2006

Held at the Green Street Community Center

Attendance:

Committee Members: Janet Schofield, Candace White-Bouchard, John Mercier, Councilor Keith Nyhan, and Chiara Dolcino.

Staff Members: Carolyn Tracy: Recreation Department, and Chris Jacques: Grounds Division
Meeting was called to order by Candace, Chair at 5:05 pm

Friends of White Park: Shawn LaFrance was present to discuss several White Park issues. It was agreed that the location of the Port-a-pots would remain located in the parking lot near the hockey rink on a year-round basis unless there are complaints next winter that they are too far from the pond. The FOWP will do some plantings near the port-a-johns in an attempt to make them more attractive.

Shawn reminded Committee members of the work day scheduled for May 6 and stated that the major project this year will be painting the exterior of the skate house. In addition Groundworks AmeriCorps workers are scheduled to spend two days at White Park making improvements.

A discussion regarding cutting of trees in the park took place. Chris Jacques said the Grounds crew did not cut the trees in the pictures that Shawn distributed. Chris will talk to his crew about the possibility of trees being cut by vandals and a reporting procedure. Chris will see if he can get a copy of the “tree inventory” from the Planning Division of CD and make available for GSD use

White Park, Merrill Park and Kimball Park CIP update: Doug Woodward sent a written report via Carolyn that included the following: Engineering expects to retain a White Park consultant in the next few weeks. Bob Pollack has been assembling base plans and product catalog information for both Merrill and Kimball Parks and is waiting for Engineering to compile a good base survey. With the hiring of an Associate Engineer in the past week progress should be seen on these projects.

Chris asked if the Contoocook River Bridge group had ever asked RPAC about the proposed bridge. Carolyn stated not to her recollection.

Chris discussed the use of City ball fields by Merrimack Valley School District and Bishop Brady High School. Whereas, the City and Concord School District have a written agreement, none exist with the other two entities. The Committee agreed to refer the issue of MVSD to the City/School Committee for further discussion.

Carolyn informed the Committee of the recent City Council action regarding the proposed fee increases. All were accepted subject to a future discussion regarding the Concord Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc at the time of the Social Services budget review in June.

The person that contacted the Chair regarding a skateboard park in Penacook and had been invited to this meeting did not attend the meeting.

Carolyn took the members on a quick tour of the Green Street Community Center.

Meet adjourned at 6:15 pm

Next meeting held at the West Street Ward House on May 18 at 5 pm

Respectfully submitted by;

Carolyn Tracy,
Clerk